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PATENT APPLICATION

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STATUS REQUEST

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

On October 3, 2003 Applicants filed an Amendment, Information Disclosure Statement and a Petition for Extension of Time in response to an Office Action dated May 7, 2003. As of today, Applicants have not received any further communication from the Patent Office (i.e., in response to the October 3 Amendment).

Applicants request the Patent Office to promptly act on the October 3 Amendment. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below if there are any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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